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Notes from Fr. Nick



St. Joseph the Worker



The Childhood of Christ by Gerrit van Honthorst, 1620.
Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg.

Yesterday, May 1st, was the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. Although Berkeley's mother church is dedicated to St. Joseph under this title (originally *St. Joseph the Workman*), this feast day came much later. Like so many other feasts, the Church established it in response to events in the larger world. Communism had designated May Day as a celebration of the common worker. Pope Pius XII capitalized on this holiday by choosing to celebrate St. Joseph, patron of workers, on the same date. The feast entered the Church's calendar in 1955.

There is a mentality in America that work is a necessary evil, that it is something we have to do in order to make money so we can take time off. People who feel this way are missing out on one of the true joys of human life. Many people toil at difficult and uninteresting jobs out of necessity, but ideally work should engage our minds and bodies with the world around us.

Work has an honored place in creation. The book of Genesis tells us that human beings were placed on the earth to "cultivate and care for it" (Gen. 2:15). Therefore, God expected us to engage in work even *before* sin entered the world. Thus work can hardly be seen as a necessary evil.

What place does work have in *your* life? Does it come from a passion or bliss? (Mine certainly does!) Can you do anything to elevate your work into something more rewarding? Has the disruption of your work during the pandemic given you a new appreciation of it? Monastic spirituality speaks of *opus Dei*, or work of God. With this idea, monks try to be mindful of God's presence even in the simple things they do. Bringing the dimension of prayer to your work may give everyday tasks more meaning and greater fulfillment to your life.

Czesław Jan Grycz

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A Memorial/Celebration of Life will be held in the church on Saturday, August 28th, at 2:00 pm. To honor Czet's final wishes, in lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in his name to one of the following charities:

- ◆ East Bay Sanctuary Covenant
- ◆ Special Olympics of Northern California
- ◆ Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa

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Sunday 9:00 am—Livestream Mass
Sunday 11:00 am—Dominican Garden

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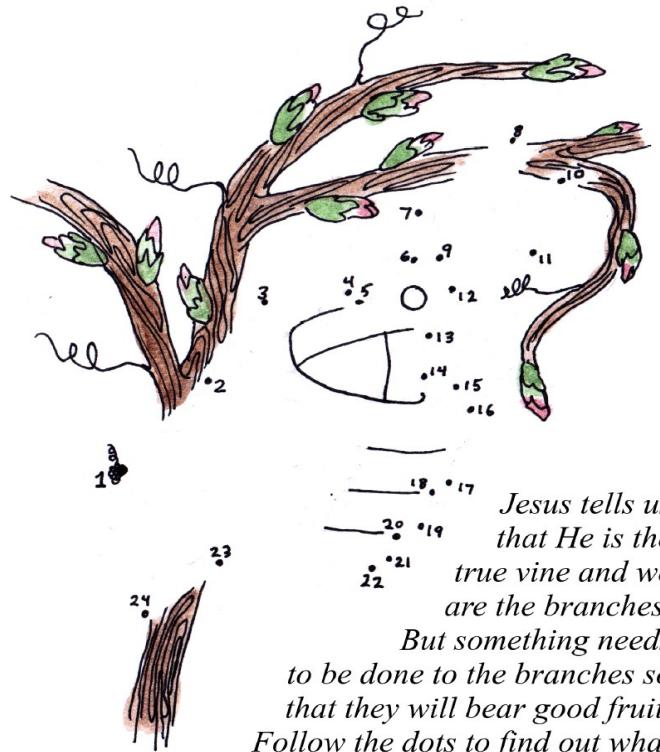
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The Kids' Bulletin

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Jesus tells us
that He is the
true vine and we
are the branches.
But something needs
to be done to the branches so
that they will bear good fruit.
Follow the dots to find out what
it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

SAINT PAUL: TRUE OR FALSE

*How much do you know about Saint Paul
when he first became a Christian?*

1. Saint Paul's name used to be Saul. True or false?
2. Before his conversion, Saint Paul hated the Christians. True or false?
3. The disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of Paul when he first came. True or false?
4. Barnabas told the other Christians that Saint Paul had seen our Lord on the way to Damascus. True or false?
5. It took a long time before Saint Paul began to speak about Jesus in public. True or false?
6. When Saint Paul told some people about Jesus, they tried to kill him. True or false?
7. The other disciples would not let Saint Paul travel around to preach about Jesus. True or false?



Answers to True or False: 1. true 2. true
3. true 4. true 5. false 6. true 7. false

May 2nd, 2021 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Collection for the Week Ending April 25 th , 2021			
Sunday	Actual	Budget	Difference
04/25/2021	\$7,752.90	\$8,471.00	-\$718.10
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REBUILD MY CHURCH 2021 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Scripture Readings for the Week

- 2nd FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 9:26-31 / 1 John 3:18-24 / John 15:1-8
- 3rd Feast: Saints Philip and James, Apostles
1 Corinthians 15:1-8 / John 14:6-14
- 4th Tuesday - Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28 / John 14:27-31
- 5th Wednesday - Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6 / John 15:1-8
- 6th Thursday - Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21 / John 15:9-11
- 7th Friday - Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31 / John 15:12-17
- 8th Saturday - Easter Weekday
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 / 1 John 4:7-10 / John 15:9-17

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:30	Intentions of Walter Betschart
Sunday	9:00	For the People of the Parish
	11:00	Intentions of Vivian Zelaya
Monday	8:30:	Intentions of Maria Curtis & Family
	5:30	Joe McGruder RIP
Tuesday	8:30	Intentions of Celia Shryne
	5:30	Taka Aso RIP
Wednesday	8:30	Federico Robles RIP
	5:30	Earl Jacobs RIP
Thursday	8:30	Czesław (Chet) Grycz RIP
	5:30	Taka Aso RIP
Friday	8:30	Intentions of Pauline Fassler
	5:30	Intentions of the Grycz Family
Saturday	8:30	Intentions of Neil Fitzgerald

Peace & Justice Notes

Support the Annual CROP Walk sponsored by the Church World Service. Make a donation to help alleviate hunger and provide resources to help families help themselves. A \$25 donation buys a month of groceries, \$30 a water filter system, and an \$85 donation buys two piglets! 75% of donations go abroad; 25% will support 3 local organizations: Dorothy Day House, The Berkeley Food Pantry and Youth Spirit Artworks. Find more information at Mary Magdalen-School of the Madeleine team page: tinyurl.com/smmwalk Make donations at that site (preferred) or write a check payable to CWS/CROP and deliver it to the office.

"Racism is a life issue": In May 2020, Catholic Mobilizing Network produced a short video highlighting how Pope Francis and the U.S. Bishops responded to George Floyd's murder. You may still find it poignant today, and an inspiration for the work that lies ahead of us to address racial injustice. To watch the video: tinyurl.com/bishopsfloyd

"Meet one another doing good." - Pope Francis. This weekend, St. Mary Magdalen welcomes the Rev. Pike Thomas from **Unbound**, an international non-profit founded by lay Catholics grounded in the Gospel call to put the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable first. Sponsorships offer a hand up—not a handout—to a family working to lift themselves out of poverty. Several of our parishioners have sponsored children through this program. You may select a child, youth, or elder to sponsor here: tinyurl.com/unboundpike

All Church Services Are Now Open!

Fr. Nick has now opened the **Sunday Livestream Mass** at 9:00 am to 20+ attendees (not counting priests, musicians, lectors, or the Livestream team). All you need do is to contact Norah to pre-register. (Seating is pre-assigned.) Call the office at 510-526-4811, or email Norah at nhippolyte@marymagdalen.org.

Monday through Saturday: Daily Masses at 8:30 am & 5:30 pm are also now open for up to 35 participants.

Please note: Although Bishop Barber has granted parishes permission to reopen at 50% capacity, we will continue to hold in-person attendance to 35 people until the social distance limit is reduced to three feet.

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